

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appln. No.	10/726,063	
Filed	December 2, 2003	Group Art Unit: 1744
Title	Silencer for Vacuum Cleaner	Examiner: Unknown

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.63)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my mailing address and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Silencer for Vacuum Cleaner**

the specification of which:

is attached hereto OR

was filed on December 2, 2003 as United States Application Number 10/726,063 or PCT International Application Number and amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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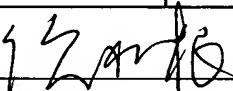
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In the above-referenced patent application, on behalf of **Suzhou Kingclean Floorcare Co., Ltd.**, I hereby appoint the Dorsey & Whitney LLP attorneys and agents associated with **Customer Number 25763** to prosecute the patent application identified above and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, including full power of association, substitution, and revocation.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of **Suzhou Kingclean Floorcare Co., Ltd.**

Dated: March 30, 2004

Signature: Zugen Ni

Name: Zugen Ni

Title: President of the company



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**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)**

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*Frances E. Egan*

Sir:

**Suzhou Kingclean Floorcare Co., Ltd.**, a Chinese corporation, is an owner of the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

1.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, a copy of which is attached.

OR

2.  A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of **Suzhou Kingclean Floorcare Co., Ltd.**

Dated: May 30, 2004

Signature: 

Name: Zugen Ni

Title: President of the company

**ASSIGNMENT**  
[Entity]

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WHEREAS, I, Zugen Ni, residing in No. 1 Xiangyang Rd., New District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, Peoples Republic of China, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled Silencer for Vacuum Cleaner for Letters Patent of the United States, the being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10/726,063, filed December 2, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Suzhou Kingclean Floorcare Co., Ltd., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Peoples Republic of China, and having offices at No. 1 Xiangyang Rd., New District, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province, Peoples Republic of China ("Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, I transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified patent application, corresponding domestic applications (including divisionals, continuations, and continuations-in-part), corresponding foreign applications, all Letters Patent or similar legal protection issuing thereon, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and I authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States or foreign equivalent thereof to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

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